

# WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

## PARK HOURS:

Sunday – Thursday: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
365 days a year

## NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Monday – Sunday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## PARK FEES:

\$6 vehicle day-use entry fee (no additional fees for programs, unless otherwise noted)

## DIRECTIONS:

**FROM THE NORTH:** Take 303 South and exit at Peoria Ave. Take Peoria west (right) to Cotton Lane. Turn south (left) on Cotton and then west (right) on Olive Ave. Follow Olive Ave. 6 miles to park entrance.

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take I-10 to 303 North. Exit 303 at Northern Ave. Turn west (left) on Northern to Cotton Lane. Turn north (right) on Cotton and then west (left) on Olive Ave. Follow Olive Ave. 6 miles to park entrance.

## STAFF:

**Park Supervisor:** Raymond Schell

**Interpretive Ranger:** Jessica Bland

**Admin. Staff:** Pam Ueckerman

**Park Maintenance:** Eldon Heydenreich and Lloyd Anderson

## MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

Thank you for your continued support and interest in White Tank Mountain Regional Park. We realize that you have a choice when it comes to selecting recreation venues and appreciate your business!



## Maricopa County

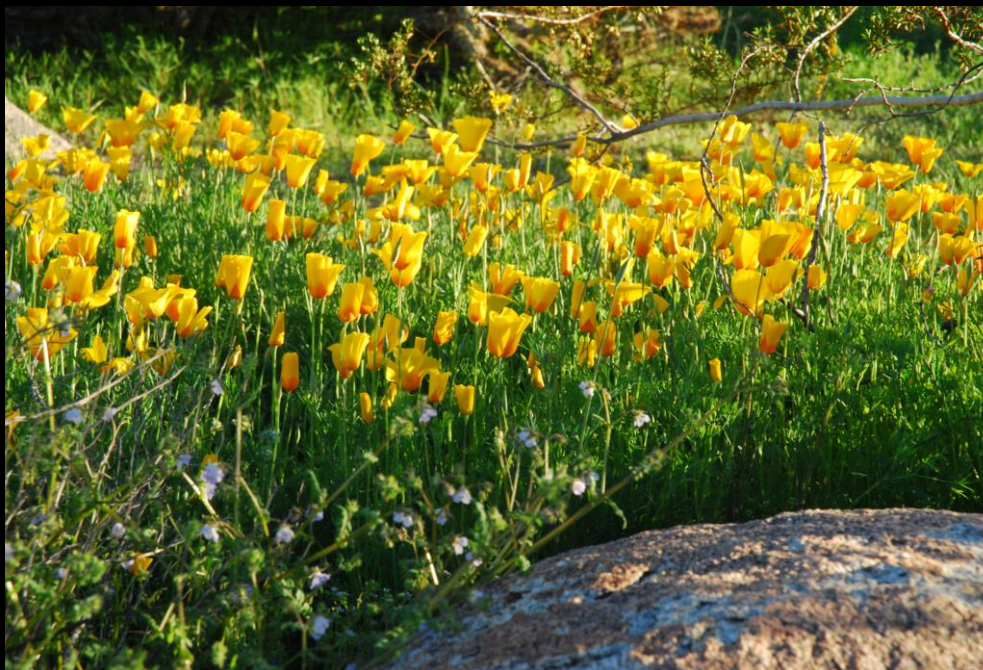
Parks and Recreation Dept.

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## FEBRUARY 2015 FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Wildflower Wednesday!

**Date:** 2/4/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** Join park volunteer Cindy Smith on a 1-2 mile walk along one of our trails to view and learn about the wonderful wildflowers found in the White Tanks. Bring a plant book if you have one, and don't forget your camera! Location will vary each week depending on the abundance and variety of wildflowers. Please call ahead or inquire at entry station upon arrival.

**Core:** Plants

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### Stargazing for Everyone!

**Date:** 2/7/2015 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Description:** Enjoy a night under the stars! Learn some of the constellations and listen to stories of the night sky. View the moon, planets, star clusters and galaxies through telescopes provided by presenting astronomers. Please bring a chair for the 45-minute presentation portion. Event is held at Area 4. Please try to arrive by 7:15pm to facilitate parking. Event will last approx. 2 hours.

**Core:** Astronomy

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### Adult Valentine's Dark Night Hike

**Date:** 2/14/2015 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Description:** Bring your sweetheart out for a unique Valentine's treat! Join us for a dark night hike along the Waterfall Trail. Please bring a flashlight and your scorpion light (scorpion lights available for

purchase at entry station). Bring your favorite love poem to share if you wish! This hike is limited to those 16 and older. Please wear close-toed shoes, and please leave your dog at home.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### Desert Color Bingo

**Date:** 2/19/2015 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Think the desert is just brown and dull?...well, think again! Join Ranger Jessica for this family-friendly walk, geared toward young children. This walk incorporates a fun Desert Bingo sheet and focuses on nature appreciation and observation through recognizing and matching colors found in nature. Children will receive a small prize for participation. After our walk, we will have coloring time in the Nature Center classroom.

**Core:** Plants

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### Hike into History – Willow Springs

**Date:** 2/21/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.

**Description:** Join Ranger Jessica, a former archaeologist, on a hike back in time. Our journey will take us to the Willow Springs area, where we will visit the remains of an abandoned mining camp and see what stories the pieces of the past can tell us. The hike will be approximately 6.5 miles roundtrip and is rated moderate to difficult. Please bring a snack and at least one gallon of water. This hike is limited to 15 people. Meet at Area 7 for the hike. Call the park Nature Center to register, (623) 935-2505.

**Core:** Archaeology & History

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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### Wildflower Wednesday!

**Date:** 2/11/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.  
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**Core:** Plants

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### Sonoran Story, Craft, and Play Time

**Date:** 2/11/2015 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Description:** Join Ranger Jessica in the Nature Center classroom for this open house-style story, craft, and play time – arrive anytime during program hours (10:30-12:00). A variety of age-appropriate board books, toys, and coloring sheets about the Sonoran Desert will be available for you and your child for learning, discovery, and creative play. A desert-themed craft will also be available for your child to complete and take home. Maybe Ranger Jessica will even introduce you to one of the friendly snakes that live at the Nature Center! This program is

geared toward toddler and preschool-aged children and their caregivers.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### Designed for the Desert

**Date:** 2/12/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Description:** Do you know how often kangaroo rats need to take a drink of water? How about which desert animal urinates on their legs to keep cool? To find out, join Ranger Jessica in the Nature Center classroom for a short presentation about Sonoran Desert animals and their amazing adaptations! You will even have the opportunity to meet some of the "locals".  
**Core:** Animals

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### Sunrise Hike

**Date:** 2/13/2015 **Time:** 7 a.m.  
**Description:** Set your alarm and get a great start to your day! Join a park volunteer on a sunrise hike along the Black Rock Long Loop Trail (1 ½ miles). You will have the opportunity to see the sunrise from a viewpoint, experience the Sonoran Desert as it awakens, and also see ancient petroglyphs along the trail. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet promptly at Area 4. Don't be late – the sun won't wait!  
**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### Snake Feeding

**Date:** 2/14/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Description:** Have you ever seen a snake eat its dinner? Join us in the Nature Center to watch park staff feed our resident creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, a Gila monster, a black widow, and a tarantula. \*Please note this program is on a Saturday.  
**Core:** Animals

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### Black Rock Archaeology Walk

**Date:** 2/16/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.  
**Description:** Join park volunteer Joe

Weber on this easy 1 ½ mile walk to view ancient petroglyphs. The walk will discuss early native peoples of the area and the possible meaning of the rock art they left behind. Meet at Area 4. Please leave your dog at home.

**Core:** Archaeology & History

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### Wildflower Wednesday!

**Date:** 2/18/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.  
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**Core:** Plants

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### Native American Legends

**Date:** 2/20/2015 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Description:** Please join us for an evening of stories under the stars. Listen to various Native American stories, which were traditionally told during the winter months. This great family event will be held at the outdoor amphitheater behind the Nature Center/Library.  
**Core:** Archaeology & History

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**Core:** Archaeology & History

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### Early Bird Walk with Sonoran Audubon

**Date:** 2/21/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.

**Description:** Join birder Joe Ford from the Sonoran Audubon Society for an early morning bird walk on the Black Rock Long Loop Trail (1 ½ miles). Please bring your bird book if you have one. Binoculars may be available to borrow. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 4.

**Core:** Animals

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### Name the Stone

**Date:** 2/21/2015 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Description:** Have you ever wondered, "What kind of rock is that?" Then join Joe Ford for a "rock-ing" hands-on introduction to the 3 main rock types – sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic. Various rock specimens will be available to examine. This program will be presented in the Nature Center classroom after the morning bird walk (listed above).

**Core:** Geology

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### Wildflower Wednesday!

**Date:** 2/25/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** Join park volunteer Cindy Smith on a 1-2 mile walk along one of our trails to view and learn about the

wonderful wildflowers found in the White Tanks. Bring a plant book if you have one, and don't forget your camera!

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**Core:** Plants

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### Storytelling - Tales of the Sonoran Desert

**Date:** 2/26/2015 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Join award-winning storyteller and author, Dr. Joyce Story, to hear interesting desert tales, inspired by Native American legends. This great family event, held in the Nature Center classroom, will give you a new appreciation for the desert and its inhabitants, both past and present. Joyce's book, Tales of the Sonoran Desert, is now available for purchase in the Nature Center.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### Snake Feeding

**Date:** 2/27/2015 **Time:** 3 p.m.

**Description:** Have you ever seen a snake eat its dinner? Join us in the Nature Center to watch park staff feed our resident creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, a Gila monster, a black widow, and a tarantula. \*Please note this program is on a Friday.

**Core:** Animals

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### White Tank Art Fair

**Date:** 2/28/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.

**Description:** Dozens of local artists will be exhibiting their works against the scenic backdrop of the White Tank mountains. A variety of works including jewelry, paintings, sculptures, carvings, and photographs will be available for viewing and purchase. Food vendors will also be on-site so you can make a whole day of it! This year's Art Fair will be held for 2 days, Feb. 28th and March 1st. This event is sponsored by the Friends of White Tank Park.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### 100 Miles in 100 Days Celebration

**Date:** 2/28/2015 **Time:** 5 p.m.

**Description:** Kick off your hiking boots and celebrate your accomplishments! We will be celebrating the completion of the County Parks "100 Miles in 100 Days" challenge. Chat with other 100 Miles participants, share some stories, and have some cake (you deserve it, right?). Participants who completed the challenge will receive their limited-edition challenge tee-shirt at the celebration.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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